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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND</u> <u>RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 9, 2007</u>

Sir,

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2007 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including August 9, 2007. A check in the amount of \$510.00 is attached to cover the three-month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) at the small entity rates. Applicants file concurrently a Request for Continued Examination and the required feel. No other fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. **50-0206**.

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Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the Office Action in the above-captioned application.

A Listing of the Claims is presented on page 3 of this paper;

Remarks are presented on page 12 of this paper.

A Substitute Declaration is attached.

A Copy of the Statement of Common Ownership pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.02(1)(2) previously submitted with the Amendment and Reply filed November 17, 2006 is attached.